

REMARKS

Claims 31-50 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 21-30, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 31-50. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 31-50 do not contain new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 31-50, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing Amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §102 AND §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pagliaroli, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,276,728 (Pagliaroli). The Examiner further asserts that Claims 21-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pagliaroli.

As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 21-30, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 31-50. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 31-50 do not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 31-50, is patentable over the prior art.